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the opportunity that we have to go to Church on Sunday. Each time we go it's a new opportunity to be of service to God, we are leaving again. We have said it before but it bears repeating, and that is the fact that once an opportunity is lost it rarely comes again. We are given the choice at the moment and if we fail to take advantage of it usually we don't get a second chance.

Then there is the little matter of worshipping with Jesus for one hour. Perhaps this is where the idea originated about Church services being of one hour's duration. But here is where some real differences of opinion come in. Many people say, I go to Church on Sunday isn't that enough? Well it all depends I suppose on the person and the reason for attending. If we go to Church because then our neighbor can't say that they went to Church and we didn't. Or if we go to show off our clothes. Or if we go because we feel we are going to please the preacher. Or that the preacher is going to say nice things to us and make us feel good. Or any other number of reasons then our attendance isn't worth much. We should go to Church to worship God, and if we think that one hour a week is enough then maybe we don't love God quite as much as we should. Those of you who were here on Sunday and now tonight know that you have spent about two hours this week in Church. If you attend the Good Friday service in Exileton, then you will have three hours. And if you attend the service on Saturday night then you will have four hours. But when you consider that out of the 168 hours in a seven day week you will perhaps spend one to four hours with God this is pretty meager indeed. Four hours amount to  $1/42$  of the total hours in a week. Now I am not saying that our love for God is <sup>BE</sup> accounted for by how much time we spend in Church. This is not the case. But our service to God should be done outside of Church also. Each time we come in and each time when we depart we should have just a little more zeal and a little more fire to work that much harder for God and His kingdom. This is what Church should do for us. It should inspire us, it should uplift us and give us the stimulus we need to fight the battle of this life. The hymns we sing, and the prayers

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\*Call to Worship Pg. 160

Hymn 161

Scripture Matt. 26; 36-46 & 69-75

\*Gloria Patri

\*Prayer

Anthem ?

Announcements

Church Good Friday 3:00

Hymn 158

Carmen

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 479

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen